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SUBJ: PRESS REACTION TO ARAB/ISRAELI FIGHTING

1. TODAY'S HEADLINES ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY DEVOTED TO GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF SAUDI TROOP PRESENCE ON SYRIAN FRONT: OUR ARMED FORCES PARTICIPATING IN BATTLES ON SYRIAN FRONT - KINGDOM PLACES ALL ITS POTENTIALITIES AND ENERGY FOR THE SAKE OF THE STRUGGLE - A LARGE PART OF OUR FORCES ARE ON THE FRONT LINE FACING THE ENEMY ON JORDANIAN FRONT (REFERRING TO TROOPS STATIONED IN JORDAN SINCE JUNE WAR).

2. SMALLER HEADLINES GIVEN WAR PROGRESS: ARAB FORCES LIBERATE OTHER PARTS OF SINAI AND LAUNCH NEW ATTACKS ON GOLAN - COMMANDER OF ISRAELI ARMOR IN SINAI KILLED - HERZOG ADMITS ISRAEL IN CRITICAL SITUATION.

3. PROMINENT COVERAGE ALSO GIVEN AFP STORY DATED WASHINGTON WITH HEADING: AMERICA CALLING FOR CEASE-FIRE WITHOUT WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES. STORY SUBMITTED U.S. HAD CHANGED FROM ITS EARLIER POSITION ON CEASE-FIRE TAKEN
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AT U.N. ON OCTOBER 8 BECAUSE IT FEARED ESCALATION OF

ARMS TO COMBATANTS BY SOVIETS AND U.S. WOULD LEAD TO CONFRONTATION COMPROMISING NOT ONLY THE DETENTE BUT ALSO EXISTING U.S. RELATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF NATO. ARTICLE SAID: "IT APPEARS A NEW CEASE-FIRE PROPOSAL WITH THE FORCES REMAINING IN PLACE HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A LIVELY EXCHANGE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW AND BETWEEN SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER AND ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER ABBA EBAN."

4. ALL EDITORIALS DEVOTED TO SUPPORTING ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITMENT SAUDI ARMED FORCES TO BATTLE ON SYRIAN FRONT. TYPICAL EXAMPLES OF RHETORIC:

UKAZ: "OUR ARMED FORCES NOW TAKING PART IN THE FIGHTING AT THE SYRIAN FRONT, AND OUR RESOURCES PUT BY KING FAISAL UNDER THE DISPOSAL OF OUR WARRING BROTHERS HAVE GIVEN THE BATTLE NEW DIMENSIONS ON THE PATH TO LIBERATION. THE KINGDOM'S ACTUAL PARTICIPATION IN ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ARAB BATTLES IS A NATIONAL DUTY AND A MAJOR ROLE THAT OUR COUNTRY ALWAYS PLAYS IN PARTICIPATING WITH OUR BRETHREN FOR THE PURPOSE OF LIBERATIONS."

AL NADWA: "THIS DIGNIFYING STAND IS NOT NEW OR SURPRISING, SINCE ALL THE PAST EVENTS HAVE PROVEN THAT THIS COUNTRY PUTS HERSELF AT THE FOREMOST OF EVERY ARAB OR ISLAMIC CAUSE. THIS ATTITUDE EMANATES FROM HER FEELING OF HER GREAT RESPONSIBILITY AND SACRED DUTY FOR SERVING RIGHT AND PEACE.

AL BILAD: "WHEN TOTDOZDDOM PARTICIPATES WITH HER FORCES IN ALL THE BATTLE FIELDS, SHE DOES SO OUT OF HER CONVICTION IN THE COMMONALITY OF DESTINY, THUS PERSUING, ALONG WITH OUR BRETHREN, A JOINT EFFORT, UNDER WHICH THE ZIONIST STRONGHOLDS IN OUR OCCUPIED LANDS WILL CRUMBLE."
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